GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Production of Fruits
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of fruits in the country;

(b) if so, whether any special emphasis is being given to Andhra Pradesh by APEDA in improving the productivity, quality and export of its produce;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Agriculture Ministry in coordination with the Commerce Ministry is considering to push for more agro exports from Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): No Madam, Andhra Pradesh is not the largest producer of fruits in the country. As per the 2015-16 (3rd Adv Estimates) Andhra Pradesh is the second largest producer of fruits in the country after Uttar Pradesh.

(b) & (c): The Government extends financial assistance to promote exports of fruits, under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. It takes several measures for improving the productivity, quality and exports of agricultural commodities in the whole country including Andhra Pradesh, some of which are as under:

â€¢ For export promotion of fruits and vegetables from the country including Andhra Pradesh several initiatives/measures are being taken by APEDA, such as Setting up of Vapour Heat Treatment Facility (VHT), Setting up Common infrastructure facilities, Market access initiatives, Scheme for recognition of Horticulture Packhouse, Horti Net Traceability system, Sensitization Programme etc.

â€¢ To boost the production, productivity and quality of vegetables and fruits in the country the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which provides support for production of quality planting material, improved quality seed production, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, creation of infrastructure
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to prevent post harvest losses of horticultural crops, adoption of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and organic farming including insitu generation of organic inputs. Assistance for increasing horticulture production is also being provided by DAC&FW under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme.

? Assistance is also provided by DAC&FW for development of infrastructure for post harvest management, sorting and Grading facilities, development of Cold Chain supply system etc, which also helps in exports.

(d) & (e): To boost exports, recently a new scheme has been launched namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products including fruits and vegetables to specified markets. This would benefit all the farmers, including those of Andhra Pradesh. Besides this the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities(ASIDE), etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports. These schemes are open to exporters/associations from all States/UTs, including Andhra Pradesh.

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